

# A NEW ERA OF RESPONSIBILITY: RENEWING AMERICA'S PROMISE

## The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2010 Budget

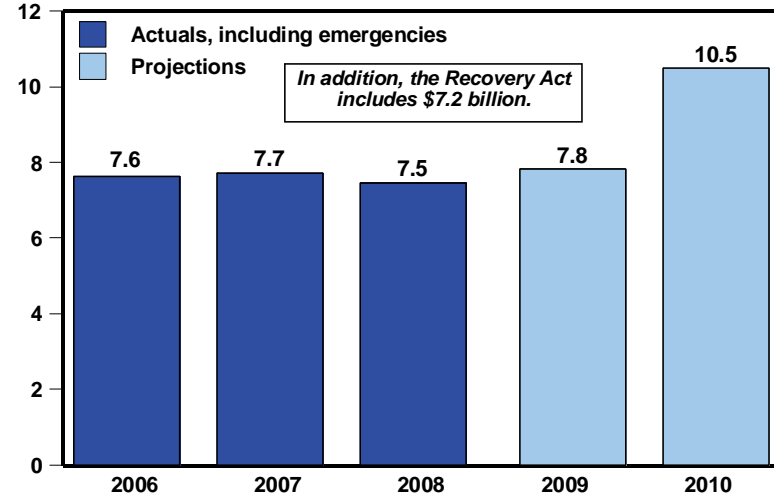
“...the call to save our planet has never been more urgent. In recent years, we’ve seen the harm that more severe weather events can do. We’ve seen it in the droughts that have swept the South, the hurricanes that threaten our shores with increasing ferocity, and the rising sea levels that could one day submerge our cities. This is a challenge unlike any the world has ever faced, and America must lead the world to meet it.

-- President Barack Obama

The Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for the abatement and control of pollution, which involves research, monitoring, standard setting and enforcement. With \$10.5 billion in funding for the EPA, the President’s Fiscal Year 2010 Budget is 34 percent higher than 2009 likely enacted funding. To preserve water resources, the President’s Budget accelerates the restoration of the Great Lakes, and includes an historic increase in funding for clean water through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Additional measures to secure our water supply include fully funding the Water Security Initiative (WSI) pilot cooperative agreements and the activities of the Water Alliance for Threat Reduction. This Budget will yield more than \$1 billion to clean up the most contaminated sites in the Superfund program.

### Environmental Protection Agency

Discretionary budget authority in billions of dollars



## The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Budget Highlights

### CLEAN WATER

**Invests in clean water.** The Budget provides \$3.9 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRFs) to fund over 1,000 Clean Water and nearly 700 Drinking Water projects annually in the nation's states, tribes, and territories. EPA estimates that for every federal dollar invested, at least two dollars in financing is provided to municipalities.

**Accelerates the restoration of the Great Lakes.** The Administration supports \$475 million for a new inter-agency initiative to address regional issues that affect the Great Lakes, such as invasive species, non-point source pollution, and contaminated sediment.

### GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION

**Lays groundwork for economy-wide greenhouse gas reduction.** The Budget funds a \$19 million increase for work and related activities on a GHG emission inventory and for work with affected industry sectors to report high-quality GHG emission data. The data will aid in developing a comprehensive climate change plan to invest in clean energy, and instituting a broad national effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions about 14 percent below 2005 levels by 2020, and about 83 percent below 2005 levels by 2050.

### WATER SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Secures our water supply.** The Administration supports \$24 million to fully fund all five Water Security Initiative (WSI) pilot cooperative agreements and Water Alliance for Threat Reduction (WATR) activities. EPA launched its WSI in 2006 to demonstrate, test, and evaluate a design for a contamination warning system at drinking water utilities. Following completion of these pilots, EPA will issue guidance and promote adoption of effective drinking water contamination warning systems.

### ROBUST SUPERFUND PROGRAM

**Strengthens Superfund.** The Budgets proposes more than \$1 billion to clean up the nation's most toxic, contaminated sites within the Superfund program.